

# *Wisconsin Association of FFA*

*76th State FFA Convention*

*June 13-16, 2005*

*Proposals to be considered by the 2005 FFA Delegates*

Each chapter, their two official convention delegates and advisor(s) should review these proposals before arriving at the State FFA Convention.

Please bring these proposals along with the budget and convention minutes with you to the State Convention. You can contact the Wisconsin FFA Center for any clarifications to the enclosed proposals.

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## **2005 Wisconsin Association of FFA Proposal #1**

**Submitted by:** Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors

**Motion:** Proposed Constitutional Change

**Amend Article II Section D - Organization**

Insert "position" after officer.

The article would read: "Each section shall be represented by one state officer position."

**Rationale:** To clarify sectional representation. Each section is represented by a position, but not guaranteed a person to fill the position if no member from a section should choose to run for state office. The way the Wisconsin FFA Constitution currently reads, it implies that a state officer will be representing the section when in fact because of how the current election process is set up and the variation of the number of candidates running in each section, there may not be a person to select as a state officer to represent each section but the position will always remain in place.

The Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors is in favor of this proposal.

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## 2005 Wisconsin Association of FFA Proposal #2

**Submitted by:** Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors

**Motion:** Proposed Constitutional Change

**Amend Article IV Section C - Membership**

Inserting “or who have an interest in supporting and developing the FFA Organization and the industry of agriculture” after “industry of agriculture.” And eliminate the sentence “**Such chapters shall be primarily designed for training their members in the knowledge and skill of advising and maintaining local FFA chapters.**”

The article would read: “Membership shall be open to students enrolled in agriculture courses, or who are pursuing career objectives in the industry of agriculture or who have an interest in supporting and developing the FFA Organization and the industry of agriculture.”

**Rationale:** Because there is more focus on collegiate FFA membership at both the national and state level, it is important that the Wisconsin Association of FFA Constitution reflect an accurate definition of collegiate membership. The definition of collegiate membership in the State FFA Constitution needs to be updated. This proposal will align the definition of collegiate membership more with what is defined by the National FFA Organization.

The Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors is in favor of this proposal.

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## 2005 Wisconsin Association of FFA Proposal #3

**Submitted by:** Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors

**Motion:** Proposed Constitutional Change

**Amend Article VIII Section C - Officers**

Insert “and/or any other offices the chapter sees fit” after “include a Parliamentarian.”

The article would read: “Chapter officers shall consist of a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Advisor and may include a Parliamentarian and/or any other offices the chapter sees fit.”

**Rationale:** Many FFA chapters include a variety of other officer positions such as student advisors, historians, farm managers etc. It should be recognized in the Wisconsin Association of FFA Constitution that a chapter has the flexibility to add the officers as necessary to operate their local chapter without limiting it to just a select list of officers.

The Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors is in favor of this proposal.

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## 2005 Wisconsin Association of FFA Proposal #4

**Submitted by:** Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors

**Motion:** Proposed Constitutional Change

**Amend Article X Section A- Procedure for Electing State Officers**

Strike “Board of Directors” and insert “State Officer Team.”

The article would read: “The President shall be elected by the out-going State Officer Team, at the State Convention from among the qualified members of the State Officer Team for the year then closing.”

**Rationale:** Under current procedure, the state officer team chooses the new State President, not the entire Board of Directors, which includes the State Officers’ advisors. This will not change how the state FFA president is elected. It will update the constitution to reflect the current procedures.

The Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors is in favor of this proposal.

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## 2005 Wisconsin Association of FFA Proposal #5

**Submitted by:** Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors

**Motion:** Proposed Constitutional Change

**Amend Article X Section C – Procedure for Electing State Officers**

Strike “Board of Directors” and insert “newly elected State Officers.”

The article would read: “The newly elected State Officers shall meet at the State Convention after the sectional election, and shall elect from their body the five Vice Presidents, the Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel and Parliamentarian.”

**Rationale:** Under current procedure, the newly elected state officer team elects the officers into their positions, not the entire Board of Directors, which includes the State Officers’ advisors. This will not change how the officer position are currently determined. It will update the constitution to reflect the current procedures.

The Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors is in favor of this proposal.

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# 2005 Wisconsin Association of FFA Proposal #6

**Submitted by:** State FFA Board of Directors  
Wisconsin FFA State FFA Officer Task Force

**Motion:** Proposed Constitutional Change

## **Amend Article X – Procedure for Electing State Officers**

### **Add Section D**

In the event that no current state FFA officer runs for the position of State FFA President, a nominating committee selected by the FFA Executive Director and State FFA President, will select the incoming president from the top sectional candidates. This person can only serve as a State FFA Officer for one year.

**Rationale:** As part of the State FFA Officer Task Force that met throughout the 2004-05 school year, it was noted that there were no guidelines in place in the Wisconsin Association of FFA Constitution if no current state FFA officer were eligible or desired to run for the position of the State FFA President. This amendment would put in place a procedure to follow if this situation would occur.

The Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors is in favor of this proposal.

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# 2005 Wisconsin Association of FFA Proposal #7

**Submitted by:** State FFA Board of Directors  
Wisconsin FFA State FFA Officer Task Force

**Motion:** Realign the current sectional boundaries of the Wisconsin Association of FFA. See realignment proposal below for the changes to these boundaries.

**Rationale:** As part of the State FFA Officer Task Force that met throughout the 2004-05 school year, it was recommended by the Task Force and presented to the State FFA Board of Directors that in order to assist in getting more students involved in running for state FFA office, that realignment of the FFA sections should be done. Realignment of the sections has not been done since the 1940s according to a former Wisconsin FFA state staff member. Currently sections vary from 20 chapters to 29. This realignment will even out the number of chapters in each section.

The proposal to realign the sections came from the State FFA Officer Task Force that was designed to review the whole experience of state FFA officers from the officer's expectations to the election process. From the work group that was reviewing the state officer election process, this group sent out a survey to all of the agriculture instructors/FFA advisors to consider several items. One of the items was concerning sectional realignment because ultimately that would effect the state officer process no matter what would happen - whether the Association stay with section officers or they move to a regional type set up. The surveys came back from agriculture instructors to the work group and 70% of the surveys responded that the agriculture instructors/FFA advisors would like to evaluate the realignment first before doing anything with the state officer election process. Other items on the survey were very split in terms of a different structure to the state officer team. It was indicated that the realignment would even out the number of chapters in each section and potentially even out the number of state officer candidates overall in each section.

The work group met at Farm Forum - February 18 to review the outcomes of the survey and then at that time it was decided that the realignment project was first to be reviewed. Several of the work team members at Farm Forum reviewed what chapters could be moved and how sections could be balanced out. They looked at distances that people would have to travel and who would be the closest chapters to move to even out the sections when there are some sections with 20 chapters and some with 29. They worked to have each section with as close to 25 chapters as could be done. The boundaries of the section were not limited to county lines. It is now based more by roads and best travel routes than strictly county lines. Every section was considered in terms of travel for chapters. A major consideration of the work group was to look at the size and layout of each section.

The work group also discussed the implications of realignment. The sectional boundaries affect the following items within the Wisconsin Association of FFA - state FFA officers and where their sectional leadership workshop is held. It affects district and sectional speaking contests. There are also proficiency awards and junior high essays awarded according to section boundaries and the sectional tractor operators contest.

After Farm Forum, the realignment was sent back to members of the full State Officer Task Force to give feedback. The Task Force approved the realignment. The next step was then to take this proposal to the State FFA Board of Directors at the March Board Meeting. The Board of Directors decided that it was important to move this issue to the delegates. A roll call vote was taken concerning this proposal, the State Officers voting 5 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 neutral. The advisors had 1 in favor to sustain, 1 opposed to sustaining, and 9 neutral.

The sectional realignment would not take effect until the State Convention of 2006 when the new state officers would be elected based on the realigned sections. At that point, the items listed above would then follow the new boundaries. Related organizations that follow the sectional boundaries will need to decide how the change will effect their organizations.

## **SECTION 1 – 25 chapters (20 chapters before)**

*Added – Bloomer, Cornell, Lake Holcombe, New Auburn, New Richmond*

District 1 – Ashland, Cumberland, Frederic, Luck, Northwestern, Rice Lake, Shell Lake, Spooner

District 2 – Barron, **Bloomer**, Bruce, Cameron, **Cornell**, Flambeau, **Lake Holcombe**, **New Auburn**

District 3 – Amery, Clayton, Clear Lake, **New Richmond**, Osceola, Prairie Farm, St. Croix Falls, Turtle Lake, Unity

## **SECTION 2 – 25 chapters (26 chapters before)**

*Removed - Bloomer, Cornell, Lake Holcombe, New Auburn, New Richmond*

*Added – Gilman, Osseo-Fairchild, Thorp, Eleva-Strum*

District 4 – Baldwin-Woodville, Ellsworth, Elmwood, Glenwood City, Hudson, River Falls, St. Croix Falls Central, Spring Valley

District 5 – Boyceville, Colfax, Durand, Eau Claire Memorial, Elk Mound, Menomonie, Mondovi, Plum City

District 6 – Augusta, Cadott, Chippewa Falls, **Eleva-Strum**, Fall Creek, **Gilman**, **Osseo-Fairchild**, Stanley-Boyd, **Thorp**

## **SECTION 3 – 25 chapters (25 chapters before)**

*Removed – Osseo-Fairchild, Eleva-Strum*

*Added – Royall, Wonewoc-Center*

District 7 – Alma, Alma-Center Lincoln, Arcadia, Blair-Taylor, Black River Falls, Cochrane-Fountain City, Independence, Whitehall

District 8 – Bangor, Cashton, GET, Holmen, Melrose-Mindoro, Sparta, Tomah, West Salem

District 9 – Brookwood, Desoto, Hillsboro, Kickapoo, LaFarge, **Royall**, Viroqua, Westby, **Wonewoc-Center**

## **SECTION 4 – 25 Chapters (26 chapters before)**

*Removed - Weston*

District 10 – Boscobel, North Crawford, Ithaca, Riverdale, Prairie du Chien, Richland Center, Seneca, River Valley, Wauzeka

District 11 – Cassville, Cuba City, Fennimore, Lancaster, Iowa-Grant, Platteville, Potosi, River Ridge

District 12 – Argyle, Belmont, Black Hawk, Darlington, Dodgeville, Mineral Point, Pecatonica, Shullsburg

## **SECTION 5 – 25 Chapters (25 chapters before)**

District 13 – Albany, Belleville, Brodhead, Evansville, Juda, Monroe, Monticello, New Glarus, Orfordville-Parkview

District 14 – Cambridge, Clinton, Edgerton, Janesville Craig, Janesville Parker, Milton, Oregon, Stoughton

District 15 – DeForest, Madison, Marshall, Wisconsin Heights, Mount Horeb, Sun Prairie, Verona, Waunakee

## **SECTION 6 – 25 chapters (29 chapters before)**

Remove - *Omro, Oshkosh North, Oshkosh West, Royall, Winneconne, Wonewoc – Center*

Add – *Weston, Beaver Dam*

District 16 – **Beaver Dam**, Berlin, Columbus, Laconia, Markesan, Oakfield, Randolph-Cambria-Friesland, Ripon, Waupun

District 17 – Adams-Friendship, Montello, New Lisbon, Pardeeville, Portage, Poynette, Tri-County, Westfield

District 18 – Baraboo, Lodi, Mauston, Reedsburg, Rio, Sauk Prairie, Weston, Wisconsin Dells

## **SECTION 7 – 25 chapters (25 chapters before)**

Removed – *Gilman, Thorp*

Added – *Antigo, Wittenberg-Birnamwood*

District 19 – Amherst, Auburndale, Marshfield, Pittsville, Rosholt, Stevens Point, Stratford, Wisconsin Rapids - Lincoln

District 20 – Abbotsford, Colby, Granton, Greenwood, Loyal, Medford, Neillsville, Spencer

District 21 – **Antigo**, Athens, Edgar, Marathon, Merrill, Mosinee, DC Everest, Wausau, **Wittenberg-Birnamwood**

## **SECTION 8 – 24 chapters (20 chapters before)**

Removed – *Antigo, Wittenberg-Birnamwood*

Added – *Omro, Oshkosh North, Oshkosh West, Pulaski, Winneconne, Wrightstown*

District 22 – Bonduel, Bowler, Clintonville, Gresham, Manawa, Marion, Shawano, Tigerton

District 23 – Coleman, Gillett, Freedom, Lena, Oconto Falls, **Pulaski**, Seymour, Suring

District 24 – New London, **Omro, Oshkosh North, Oshkosh West**, Waupaca, Weyauwega-Fremont, **Winneconne, Wrightstown**

## **SECTION 9 – 25 chapters (28 chapters before)**

Removed – *Pulaski, Wrightstown, Campbellsport*

District 25 – Algoma, Bay Port, Denmark, Green Bay – East, Green Bay Preble, Kewaunee, Luxemburg-Casco, Sevastopol, Southern Door

District 26 – Brillion, DePere, Green Bay Southwest, Green Bay – West, Mishicot, Reedsville, Valders, West DePere,

District 27 – Chilton, Elkhart Lake, Howards Grove, Kiel, New Holstein, Plymouth, Random Lake, Sheboygan Falls

## **SECTION 10 – 25 chapters (25 chapters before)**

Removed – *Beaver Dam*

Added – *Campbellsport*

District 28 – **Campbellsport**, Dodgegeland, Hartford, Horicon, Kewaskum, Lomira, Mayville, Slinger

District 29 – Fort Atkinson, Hustisford, Jefferson, Johnson Creek, Lake Mills, Oconomowoc, Palmyra-Eagle, Waterloo, Watertown

District 30 – Burlington, Delavan-Darien, East Troy, Elkhorn, Badger, Big Foot, Waterford, Whitewater